

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

Subject: News Item from the President (Information Only)

The President was pleased to read in his daily news summary that the Washington Post and Philadelphia Inquirer had carried stories on the following Harris Survey reports:

- (1) When asked if they favored U.S. recognition of a South Vietnam government in which the Communists were represented as a result of free elections, American people (polled) expressed opposition by 46 per cent to 32 per cent.
- (2) The proposition to form a coalition South Vietnam government with the Communists -- as part of a Paris settlement -- met with an even larger (47 per cent to 26 per cent) public rejection.

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